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Secretary Shinseki Announces \$41.9 Million to Help the Homeless

WASHINGTON – Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki has announced that 40 states will share more than \$41.9 million in grants to community groups to provide 2,568 beds for homeless Veterans this year.

“These grants wouldn’t have happened without the extraordinary partnerships forged with community organizers,” said VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki. “These investments will provide transitional beds to Veterans who have served honorably, but for various reasons now find themselves in a downward spiral toward despair and homelessness.”

The Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program provides grants and per diem payments to help public and nonprofit organizations establish and operate new supportive housing and service centers for homeless Veterans.

The \$41.9 million is broken into two categories. About \$26.9 million will help renovate, rehabilitate or acquire space for 1,352 transitional housing beds. A second group of awards, valued at \$15 million, will immediately fund 1,216 beds at existing transitional housing for homeless Veterans this year. The awards will cover daily living costs based upon the number of homeless Veterans being served in transitional housing.

A key component of VA’s plan to eliminate homelessness among Veterans within five years, the grants and per diem payments helped reduce the number of Veterans who were homeless on a typical night last year by 18 percent to about 107,000 Veterans within one year.

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VA's strategy to eliminate homelessness among Veterans is to implement a "no wrong door" approach, meaning Veterans who seek assistance should find it in any number of VA's programs, from community partners or through contract services.

Under the Secretary's action plan to end homelessness among Veterans, VA will continue to offer a full range of support necessary to end the cycle of homelessness by providing education, jobs, health care and counseling, in addition to housing. VA will increase the number and variety of housing options available to homeless Veterans and those at risk, including permanent, transitional, contracted, community-operated and VA-operated housing. Most importantly, VA will target at-risk Veteran populations with aggressive support intervention to try to prevent homelessness before it starts.

For more information, visit VA's Web page for [VA's National Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Office](#) at www.va.gov/homeless. Additionally, VA has a National Call Center for Homeless Veterans, 1-877-4AID VET (1-877-424-3838), www1.va.gov/HOMELESS/NationalCallCenter.asp.

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Recipients of VA Capital Grants for Homeless Veterans Service Providers

<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ariz.	Phoenix	Arizona Department of Veterans' Services	8 beds	\$19,600
Calif.	Phoenix	Lode Star Day Resource Center	49 beds	\$65,000
	Fairfield	Mission Solano Rescue Mission, Inc.	One van	\$11,408
	Fresno	WestCare California, Inc.	28 beds, one van	\$526,500
	Long Beach	Substance Abuse Foundation of Long Beach, Inc.	One van	\$15,597
	Los Angeles	People in Progress, Inc.	One van	\$26,521
	Moreno Valley	LightHouse Treatment Center	One van	\$14,300
	San Bernadino	Turrill Transitional Assistance Program	21 beds	\$329,647
	San Francisco	Salvation Army, A California Corporation	10 beds	\$297,561
	South Lake Tahoe	Sierra Recovery dba Vitality Lake Tahoe	20 beds, one van	\$124,232
	Sun Valley	People in Progress, Inc.	30 beds, one van	\$191,900
Colo.	Aurora	Mile High Council	8 beds, one van	\$76,132
	Denver	Volunteers of America Colorado Branch	8 beds	\$381,380
Conn.	Bridgeport	Applied Behavioral Rehabilitation Institute, Inc. (ABRI)	17 beds, one van	\$824,338
	New Britian	Veterans, Inc.	18 beds, one van	\$727,497
Fla.	Winsted	McCall Foundation, Inc.	10 beds	\$450,000
	Bradenton	Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc.	20 beds	\$761,012
	Hudson	Universal Spiritual Center, Inc. dba St. Judes HVRC	30 beds	\$493,675
	Melbourne	BRIDGES BTC	7 beds	\$35,750
	Ocala	Volunteers of America of Florida, Inc.	50 beds	\$1,050,000
Ga.	Augusta	Hope House, Inc.	20 beds, one	\$391,185

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	Decatur	Phoenix Rising Center for Women, Inc.	20 beds	\$293,571
Ill.	Chicago	A Safe Haven Foundation	30 beds, one van	\$289,598
	Chicago	Featherfist Development Corporation	40 beds, one van	\$416,250
Ind.	Fort Wayne	Volunteers of America of Indiana, Inc.	40 beds, one van	\$726,375
	Indianapolis	HVAF of Indiana, Inc.	50 beds, one van	\$1,979,426
	South Bend	Center for the Homeless, Inc.	25 beds, one van	\$305,500
Ky.	Pikeville	Mountain Comprehensive Care Center	25 beds	\$750,000
La.	Baton Rouge	Raven's Outreach Center, Inc.	20 beds	\$117,000
Mass.	Pittsfield	United Veterans of America, Inc. dba Soldier On	16 beds	\$786,074
Maine	Augusta	Veterans, Inc.	20 beds, one van	\$863,352
Mich.	Gaylord	Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan, Inc.	24 beds	\$589,273
Miss.	Hattiesburg	Region XII Commission on Mental Health & Retardation	24 beds	\$360,000
Mont.	Missoula	The Poverello Center, Inc.	26 beds	\$517,338
	Poplar	Fort Peck Housing Authority	19 beds, one van	\$345,794
N.C.	Charlotte	Parker's House Foundation, Inc.	60 beds, one van	\$294,473
	Durham	Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers, Inc.	15 beds	\$65,000
	Winston-Salem	North Carolina Housing Foundation, Inc.	30 beds, one van	\$925,379
N.M.	Albuquerque	Young Women's Christian Association of Albuquerque	10 beds, one van	\$185,250
Nev.	Reno	Bristlecone Family Resources	12 beds	\$240,000
	Reno	WestCare Nevada, Inc.	20 beds, one van	\$640,675
N.Y.	Ballston Spa	Saratoga County Rural Preservation Company, Inc.	11 beds	\$212,423
	Buffalo	The Altamont Program, Inc.	10 beds, one van	\$233,375

	Walden	Regional Economic Community Action Program	20 beds, one van	\$575,250
Ohio	Akron	Family & Community Services, Inc.	30 beds, one van	\$906,338
	Chillicothe	New Vision Outreach	24 beds	\$421,200
	Lancaster	Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio	8 beds	\$106,383
	Lorain	Family & Community Services, Inc.	30 beds, one van	\$469,948
Okla.	Tulsa	Love Heals Church dba Restoring Lives Program	25 beds	\$325,167
R.I.	Providence	The Providence Center	12 beds, one van	\$355,421
S.C.	Charleston	Crisis Ministries	40 beds	\$1,215,625
S.D.	Belle Fourche	NVN Country Community Action Team	28 beds, one van	\$412,422
Tenn.	Chattanooga	Buffalo Valley, Inc.	9 beds	\$165,750
Texas	Houston	Houston Launch Pad	14 beds, one van	\$75,187
Utah	Salt Lake City	Housing Authority of Salt Lake City	72 beds	\$1,000,000
Wash.	Bellevue	Red Vines 1	20 beds	\$480,000
	Port Orchard	Washington Department of Veterans Affairs	One van	\$14,973
	Seattle	Archdiocesan Housing Authority dba Catholic Housing Services	18 beds	\$1,108,803
	Seattle	Pioneer Human Services	38 beds	\$329,689
Wisc.	Janesville	Rock Valley Community Programs, Inc.	48 beds, one van	\$418,828
W.V.	Buckhannon	Opportunity House, Inc.	5 beds, one van	\$108,615
	Charleston	Roark-Sullivan Lifeway Center, Inc.	10 beds	\$461,500

Recipients of VA Per Diem Only Awards for Homeless Veterans

<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Recipients</u>	<u>Program</u>
Ala.	Attalla	Rapha Ministries, Inc.	15 beds
Ala.	Tuskegee	Divine Inspirational Ministries, Inc.	10 beds
Ariz.	Tucson	Old Pueblo Community Foundation	20 beds
Calif.	Berkeley	Berkeley Food and Housing Project	12 beds
	Diamond Bar	St. Anne's Transitional Home For Soldiers	6 beds
	Fairfield	Mission Solano Rescue Mission, Inc.	30 beds
	Long Beach	Substance Abuse Foundation of Long Beach, Inc.	24 beds
	Long Beach	United States Veterans Initiative	9 beds
	Los Angeles	Salvation Army, A California Corporation	8 beds
	Menlo Park	InnVision the Way Home	12 beds
	Moreno Valley	LightHouse Treatment Center	12 beds
	San Bernardino	Frazee Community Center	5 beds
	San Francisco	Salvation Army	5 beds
	San Francisco	United Council of Human Services	70 beds
	San Jose	Emergency Housing Consortium of Santa Clara County	20 beds
	Santa Maria	Good Samaritan Shelter	15 beds
	Santa Rosa	InterFaith Shelter Network	8 beds
	Santa Rosa	Vietnam Veterans of California, Inc.	7 beds
Colo.	Stockton	Dignity's Alcove, Inc.	20 beds
	Sun Valley	People in Progress, Inc.	20 beds
	Alamosa	La Puente Home, Inc.	6 beds
	Denver	Catholic Charities & Community Services, Denver	9 beds
	Denver	Colorado Coalition for the Homeless	20 beds

Conn.	Ansonia	Central Connecticut Coast YMCA	6 beds
Fla.	Clearwater	Homeless Emergency Project, Inc.	20 beds
	Fort Myers	Southwest Florida Addiction Services, Inc.	6 beds
	Gainesville	VETSPACE, Inc.	10 beds
	New Port	Steps to Recovery, Inc.	18 beds
	Richey		
	Orlando	The Tree of Life Ministries of Orlando, Inc.	16 beds
	Sarasota	Harvest Tabernacle of Sarasota, Inc.	24 beds
	St Petersburg	WestCare Gulf Coast Florida, Inc	15 beds
	Titusville	Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless of Brevard, Inc.	8 beds
Ga.	Atlanta	Mary Hall Freedom House, Inc.	30 beds
Idaho	Coeur d'Alene	St. Vincent De Paul Salvage Bureau	3 beds
Ill.	Chicago	Featherfist	18 beds
	Rock Island	Christian Care	6 beds
	Rockford	Janet Wattles Center	12 beds
Ind.	Indianapolis	HVAF of Indiana, Inc.	25 beds
Kan.	Kansas City	Salvation Army	8 beds
Ky.	Florence	Brighton Center, Inc.	5 beds
	Hopkinsville	Pennyroyal Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center	5 beds
	Lexington	Hope Center, Inc.	5 beds
	Louisville	Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	28 beds
Mass.	Boston	Pine Street Inn, Inc.	16 beds
Mich.	Detroit	Emmanuel House	100 beds
	Detroit	Salvation Army	60 beds
Minn.	Minneapolis	Catholic Charities St. Paul Minneapolis	1 beds
Mo.	Kansas City	Benilde Hall	8 beds
N.C.	Raleigh	The Healing Place of Wake County, Inc.	24 beds
Neb.	Lincoln	People's City Mission	18 beds

N.J.	Jersey City	Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark	5 beds
Nev.	North Las Vegas	Salvation Army of Clark County	20 beds
	North Las Vegas	The Shade Tree, Inc.	4 beds
	Reno	The Ridge House, Inc.	1 beds
	Sun Valley	Vitality Unlimited dba Vitality Center	10 beds
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N.Y.	New York	Volunteers of America Greater New York	40 beds
Ohio	Akron	Humility of Mary Housing, Inc.	4 beds
	Cincinnati	Joseph House, Inc.	15 beds
	Cincinnati	Shelterhouse Volunteer Group, Inc. dba Drop Inn Center	15 beds
	Cleveland	West Side Catholic Center	3 beds
	Cleveland	YMCA of Greater Cleveland	5 beds
	Trotwood	The Other Place	4 beds
Ore.	Medford	Salvation Army, A California Corporation	8 beds
	Portland	Central City Concern	22 beds
Penn.	Harrisburg	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg	5 beds
	Philadelphia	Fresh Start Foundation	15 beds
	Philadelphia	Impact Services Corporation	29 beds
	Pittsburgh	Shepherd's Heart Fellowship Church	2 beds
	Sharon	The Sankofa House for Women, Inc.	2 beds
	Wilkes-Barre	Commission on Economic Opportunity	6 beds
	York	YWCA of Greater Harrisburg	6 beds
Tenn.	Johnson City	Salvation Army, A Georgia Corporation	18 beds
Texas	Houston	Santa Maria Hostel, Inc.	24 beds
	Waco	Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation	5 beds
Va.	Richmond	Freedom House	12 beds

	Virginia Beach	Judeo-Christian Outreach Center	2 beds
Wash.	Forks	North Olympid Regional Veteran's Housing Network	12 beds
	Port Orchard	Washington Department of Veterans Affairs	20 beds
Wisc.	Green Bay	New Community Shelter, Inc.	4 beds
	Milwaukee	Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd.	15 beds
W.V.	Charleston	YWCA of Charleston (YWCA Sojourner's Shelter for Homeless Women and Families)	5 beds